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Selectmen Minutes 06-19-2000

Monday, June 19, 2000
 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chairman, Mrs. Dias, Vice-Chair, Mr. Hurd, Mrs. Mahon
 Also Present: Mr. Marquis, Mr. Maher, Ms. Cove

FOR APPROVAL

Minutes of Meeting: June 5, 2000

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (3-0)

For Approval: Position Profile for Town Manager Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee

Jane Howard, 12 Woodland Street, gave an overview of how the committee worked with the consultant to formulate the profile. Mrs. Howard described how the committee worked with the public on its recommendations. The profile will be provided to candidates interested in applying for the position of Town Manager.

Mrs. Dias arrived at the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

The Board discussed various corrections and changes to the profile.

Mr. Lyons was not present, but in writing suggested that the Board advertise the position at a starting salary of \$120,000 to \$130,000. The Committee and Consultant had recommended the position be advertised at \$110,000. Mr. Hurd indicated that based on a survey of municipalities of similar size and governmental structure the starting salary of \$110,000 is appropriate and very competitive. Mrs. Mahon moved to have the salary advertised at \$92,000.

Defeated 1-3. Mrs. Mahon voted in the affirmative.

Mr. Hurd moved approval of the profile as amended. SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Reappointment – Historic District Commissions

Len Kuhn (term to expire 7/03)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Appointments - Alewife Brook Citizen's Advisory Committee

Three Citizen's of the Town, two of which must reside in precincts 1-4

One Member of the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Greeley recommended appointing Mr. David Stoff, 88 Fairmont Street, Elsie Fiore, 58 Mott Street, Mrs. Dias and Mrs. Mahon. Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Mrs. Mahon indicated her willingness to step down from the committee should there be an unforeseen difficulty with having two members of the Board serve.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Request for Awning Permit

Flora, 190 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Request for Awning Permit

Alexander Jewelers, 1319 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

RCN Request for full Cable License - Issuing Authority Report

Report of the Cable Advisory Committee, Phil McCarthy, Chairman

Town Counsel updated the Board on the anticipated next steps involved in the process of negotiating a full cable license with RCN. He further indicated that he would have more specific information once the Cable Advisory Committee has had the chance to meet and make specific recommendations. Mr. Hurd moved to receive the report. SO VOTED (4-0)

Automatic Amusement Device Renewals

VFW, Arlington Post #1775, Jan Kimborowicz, Mgr., 600R Massachusetts Avenue

Alosia Club, Dominic C. Sarcia, Mgr., 19 Prentiss Road

Papa Gino's, William La Croix, Jr., General Mgr., 459 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Common Victualler License

GNB Inc., d/b/a Gail Ann Coffee Shop, 10 Medford St., Vasiliki Beldekas, Pres.

Mr. Meimaris, Esq. was present on behalf of the new proprietor as was the former proprietor, Mr. Gerry Cronin. Mr. Meimaris reported that the store would continue to operate in a very similar fashion.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESSFor Discussion: Request to turn Parcel of Land owned by Town into Neighborhood Park

Alan Frank, 35 Gardner Street was present and explained that this parcel of land is currently unkempt and the neighbors would like an opportunity to cultivate the property and make it more aesthetically pleasing. The lot is located between 25 and 35 Gardner Street. Alan McClennen Jr., Director of Planning and Community Development was present and offered to act as a liaison between the neighbors and the Town. Town Counsel outlined the future legal necessities including action by Town Meeting. Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (4-0)

Elmhurst Road

Report on effects of signs installed 4/20/00

The Director of Police reported that the limited access signs were working very well and that the neighbors that he spoke with were reportedly pleased with the results. Mr. Hurd moved approval of making the signs permanent and receipt of the report. SO VOTED (4-0)

Municipal Lot

Recommendations/options for signage

The Planning department provided the Board with data relative to parking in the municipal lot. The Board will need to determine where signs should be permanently anchored to differentiate between short term and long term parking in the lot. Additional items to be determined are: the location of the Farmer's Market and a request for 30 minute only parking in what is currently designated 2 hour parking. Mr. Hurd moved to refer the matters to the municipal parking subcommittee. SO VOTED (4-0)

For Discussion: Policy for Board use of Dallin Studio Reports of Mrs. Dias and Mrs. Mahon

Mrs. Dias recommended that there be one Selectmen show per month.

Mrs. Mahon moved that there be two Selectmen shows per month and that those slots be offered to all Selectmen on a rotating basis, and further that the Selectmen are not allowed to produce shows six months prior to election for which they are on the ballot. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mrs. Dias moved to set a policy whereby there will be one Selectmen's show per month on a rotating schedule, and further that the Selectmen are not allowed to produce shows six months prior to election for which they are on the ballot, this policy does not apply to one time events such as Town Day. SO VOTED (3-1)

Mr. Greeley indicated that he would be taping the July show and that there should be a sign up sheet available at the next meeting for the Board.

Correspondence Received

Celia Caliendo Municipal lot parking for senior citizens

17 Richardson Ave.

Marsha Blythe- 85,185 ± square foot parcel of land owned by the MBTA

Brown located at 1395 Mass. Ave.

Transit Realty

Assoc.

Jeanette Macht Request for installation of stop light at intersection of
49 Westmoreland Westmoreland Ave. and Lowell St.

Avenue

Ms. Macht was present. The Chairman asked that the matter be referred to Director Ryan and placed on the July 10th agenda.

Donald R. Marquis Notice of vacancies within 90 days

Town Manager

New Business

Mr. Marquis:

Informed the Board of his intention to close Town Offices on Monday July 3rd.

Informed the Board that the Town had reached agreement with the Ranking Officers in collective bargaining.

Updated the Board on the break in the dam at the reservoir near colonial village.

Mrs. Mahon:

Requested the Board convene jointly with the School Committee again to discuss issues that are of concern to both bodies at least twice a year.

Informed the Board of her attendance of a meeting of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators.

Informed the Board of a recent meeting with Senator Havern and others regarding the Mugar Property. She expressed her desire that a letter be sent from the Board supporting open space. She also indicated that other Town Boards and Commissions were preparing similar letters to Secretary Durand.

Mr. Hurd:

Inquired about the spray pool hours at Lussiano Field.

Thanked the Manager and Town Employees who contributed to the success of the Feast of the East Festival.

Reported an incident at Magnolia Playground involving a six year old child that broke his shoulder.

Inquired about the progress of the lights at Peirce Field.

Mrs. Dias:

Asked if the Town has a written policy on background checks on personnel who work with children. Town Counsel offered to send over the relevant information to the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Greeley:

Offered his condolences to Selectmen Lyons and his family on the passing of his mother, Helen Lyons.

Wished Arlington Advocate reported Dan Shohl well as he has resigned from the newspaper.

Announced that Nellie Aikenhead of the Trust for Public Land will be present at the next meeting to discuss the Mugar Property acquisition. He emphasized that the Board of Selectmen should handle this issue. He requested that Mr. Hurd serve as the Board's representative on this issue.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn in conjunction with the adjournment of Town Meeting that evening. SO VOTED (4-0)